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For this section—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight. Tomorrow fair

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TESTIMONIAL TO NEWSPAPER MAN

Old Attache of the Gazette Honored by His Friends

CITIZENS TRIBUTE

Presentation Speech Which is Responded to by Recipient of Testimonial

About mid-day last Wednesday Mr. M. B. Harlow did what he had often done before, entered the sanctum of the Gazette, where he is always welcome—not, however, on this occasion solely on a friendly visit, but for the purpose of tendering Mr. Luther H. Thompson a fitting testimonial on the 59th anniversary of his entrance into the office of the Alexandria Gazette. After short formalities incident to his greeting he spoke as follows:

"Mr. Thompson: As a life-long friend, it is one of the pleasant duties in my life to present to you on behalf of a number of your friends and fellow citizens this testimonial of their appreciation of your valuable services rendered not only as the chief editorial writer of the Alexandria Gazette, but for your long service to the city of Alexandria, holding as you have in past years not only complimentary positions, but at one time the post of Mayor of our city, in all which places you have shown yourself worthy of the trust confided in you."

Mr. Harlow then handed Mr. Thompson a fine gold watch with the following inscription upon the case:

Presented by the
Citizens of Alexandria, Va.,
to
Luther H. Thompson,
Commemorating His 59th Anniversary
With the Alexandria Gazette
December 26, 1919.

Mr. Thompson upon receiving the tribute said:

"After an active newspaper life extending three score years, during which time I have been honored with official positions, it is gratifying to know that I enjoy the confidence of the representative people of this community, in which I was born and reared, and I receive this tribute with the appreciation it deserves, to carry upon my person during the remainder of my earthly pilgrimage. As a companion it will be a constant reminder of the goodness of my friends of whom I am justly proud, especially M. B. Harlow, who conceived and brought to the birth this beautiful and useful testimonial. While the shadows are lengthening and I look upon the dial I will ever remember that this tribute is from those who have always been kindly disposed toward me. My soul goes out to them one and all."

We are told that about five hundred years before the Christian era a terrible plague raged in Athens. The terrified people offered sacrifices in every temple invoking the gods to bring the pestilence to a close. It continued its work of death, however, until an Athenian suggested that a flock of sheep be turned loose in the city, and many temples being in Athens at the time, it was supposed the sheep would stop in front of the altar of the god or goddess who was angry with the city. The sheep did not, however, stop in front of a temple, but on a vacant lot where they were offered up as a sacrifice to the Unknown God, after which the plague ceased. This was the altar Paul referred to in his address on Aeropagus. The recipient of the testimonial described above has not the names of any of the donors save that of Mr. Harlow, and, like the Athenians of old, he can only speculate concerning the identify of his unknown friends.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
Alexandria, Va.

At a meeting of the directors of this institution, held today, the regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent was declared, payable on and after January 2, 1920, to stockholders of record December 31, 1919. The surplus fund was also increased from $200,000.00 to $210,000.00

306-8t. M. L. Dinwiddie, Cashier

BOY BURNS SISTER TO DEATH

Shenandoah Woman Leaves Children Alone While Going Shopping

Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 26.—Going shopping late Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Brownie Zubuskie, left her 10 months old infant girl and two and a half year old son alone in the house. During the mother's absence the little boy lit a piece of paper at the stove and the girl's clothes became ignited. The baby was burned almost to a crisp before neighbors, realizing that something was wrong in the house, went to the child's rescue. The boy was badly burned about the hands and body, but will recover.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK INCREASES DIVIDEND

As will be seen by a notice published in this issue, the directors of the First National Bank of this city have increased the semi-annual dividend of the bank to seven per cent, which places the stock on a fourteen per cent per annum dividend basis.

This institution, the oldest National Bank in Virginia, since its organization has paid to its stockholders in dividends, $684,500.00, and has at this date, the largest capital, surplus and undivided profits of any instiuttion in Northern Virginia, $534,000.00.

FREE DINNERS GO BEGGING

New York Missions Have Elaborate Free Feeds, But Few Guests

New York, Dec. 26.—Christmas dinners went begging on the Bowery last night. Roast turkey, with all its "trimmings," candy and mince pie failed to attract half so many hungry men as were served in former years. This was attributed to prevailing prosperity and prohibition.

ROCKEFELLER'S MUNIFICENCE

John D. Rockefeller gave Wednesday to mankind a Christmas present of $100,000,000. Half will go to the General Education Board to raise the salaries of college professors and half to the Rockefeller Foundation to aid in its work of combating disease through improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research. It is estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's public gifts now approximate $450,000,000.

A marriage license was issued in Washington Wednesday to Daniel C. Lamberson, of Alexandria, and Bessie Nadine Williams of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Von Zalinski and Mr. William Boswell, of New York, are the guests of Mrs. Isobel G. Boswell, at her home in North Washington street.

The State Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the Edmonds Contracting company, incorporated, Rosslyn, Va., Maximum $50,000; minimum, $10,000. R. W. Conklin, president; A. B. Hester, secretary and S. R. Edmonds, all of Washington, D. C. To manufacture and deal in building materials, fuel, ice, cement and brick.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held December 23, 1919, a semi annual dividend of seven per cent (7 per cent) was declared, payable on or after January 2nd, 1920.

306-6t George E. Warfield, Cashier

NOTICE

The Board of Directors of Alexandria Real Estate and Mortgage Corporation has ordered a call for the first cash payment of 40 per cent on all subscriptions to stock of the above corporation, payable December 29th. Subscribers will please call at the office of the Treasurer to make payment and also arrange notes for deferred payments of 60 per cent.

306-3c Preston O. Cockey, Treas.

SOON IN ALEXANDRIA

Everybody trying to buy property on King street.

The biggest little store in town.

The King Street Jester.

JESTER'S

306-1c. King and Patrick streets.

Norfolk salt water Oysters and Hampton Bar clams Jacob Brill, foot of King Street. 227-tf

XMAS QUIETLY OBSERVED HERE

A True Spirit of Happiness Abounds Throughout City

FAMILY REUNIONS

Poor Remembered—Many Spend Day Indoors—Inmates of Various Institutions Made Happy.

Alexandria spent a quiet and happy Christmas. The presence at home table and fireside of many who a year ago still were overseas in the service brought a full realization of the difference between war and peace conditions and fed the undercurrent of joyousness which spread throughout the city.

Church services and family reunions were the feature of the day. At the churches where services were held, many of which occurred early in the morning, were largely attended despite frigid weather conditions and elaborate musical programs were given. Sermons appropriate to the observance of the day were delivered.

There were few persons on the streets during the early part of the day, later, however, the kiddies came out with their presents and hundreds in the course of the day exchanged Christmas gifts. A larger number of Christmas trees were in evidence this year than ever before and probably more families enjoyed a turkey dinner than in any previous year despite the high price of the great American bird. Peace and prosperity abounded and this was best evident by reports made by the merchants of the city, who reported an unprecedented business this Christmas which broke all previous records.

The inmates of the various institutions were not lacking in the Yuletide spirit. At the city jail Sergt. R. H. Cox provided a big turkey dinner for the inmates.

Supt. Joshua Sherwood of the city alms house, also gave a turkey dinner to the inmates of that place.

Kindly disposed citizens remembered the Children's Home, the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged and at the Alexandria Hospital Christmas spirit was in evidence.

Tables of the poor and helpless also displayed the Yuletide spirit, the indigent of the city being looked after by the Elks and Salvation Army as well as charitably inclined persons who helped others less fortunate in this world's good to spend a happy Christmas.

A number of Elks assembled in the Elks' Home yesterday afternoon and had a Christmas dinner after which Gettys Myers, chairman of the house committee, was presented with a purse of gold by members of that lodge in recognition of his faithful and loyal service as chairman of that committee, Geo. W. Bontz, Jr., secretary of the lodge made a speech of presentation to which a response was made by Mr. Myers. The Elks also had a Christmas tree.

The police report an unusually quiet Christmas, a clean blotter being reported at police headquarters for Christmas day.

Despite the cold weather several hundred Alexandrians Wednesday night assembled at the corner of Washington and Queen streets and participated in the Christmas celebration under the auspices of the Alexandria Community Service. The big Christmas tree erected in the center of the street was illuminated from top to bottom with tiny colored incandescent bulbs and those assembled joined in singing Christmas carols, the words being thrown on a screen.

The singing was led by Mr. Marsh of the Community Service. Music was furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Miss Dora Varney.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank will be held at the banking house, January, 13th, 1920, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

294-30t M. L. Dinwiddie, Cashier

ACCIDENT TO GAZETTE PRESS

Owing to a serious break in an important part of The Gazette press on Wednesday afternoon after the first 600 copies had been issued the Gazette was unable to get out the usual six pages. Three pages was all that could be printed, consequently subscribers received a six page paper with three blank pages.

The damaged parts are being repaired at the machine shops of J. and H. Aitcheson and everything possible is being done by the force at that plant to expedite the work.

This accounts for the late issue of this paper this afternoon. The Gazette however, is doing everything in its power to adjust the trouble and expresses regret that subscribers and advertisers have been inconvenienced as a result of the accident.

COAL PRICES INCREASED

Rates From 30 to 35 Cents a Ton Above Those Heretofore Charged

Retail prices of bituminous coal has been increased in Washington 35 cents a ton.

Prices in Chicago have been increased from 30 to 35 cents a ton, and it is understood the same condition exists throughout the country.

Some operators are said to have increased prices to the retail dealers in about the same proportion, in anticipation of a report favorable to them by the coal commission appointed by President Wilson to study the coal situation. Other operators, it is said, have made the increase arbitrarily in order to cover the 14 per cent wage advance to the miners authorized by the government in the strike settlement meeting in Indianapolis.

WOMEN FOR H. C. L. STRIKE

80,000 Illinois Housewives in Union Against Profiteering

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A union of women, ready to strike against prices whenever they are exorbitant, is the weapon that is to be used against profiteers in Illinois.

This union now has 80,000 members. It is daily gaining thousands of converts. In five days it recently caused the Chicago egg market to drop 12 cents a dozen. This was merely an experiment, the leaders say, to test the efficiency of the organization. Now that the machine really runs, they say, profiteers are in for their period of "unrest."

"Starting Friday, we are going to declare for a few January clearing sales ourselves," said Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, head of organization, "These sales are going to be on all food held in storage or out of the market.

"Labor seems to be successful in using the strike weapon. We are taking it for ourselves. Hereafter when we ask housewives to stop using any commodity until the price drops and she does not do it, she will be a 'scab' in the eyes of every woman trying to lower food costs. We have 80,000 women now who will go on strike. When we call out the milk users and beef buyers and the canned goods consumers the merchants are going to know they are in the grip of the most determined strike in Illinois history."

MRS. SARAH SIMMS DIES

Mrs. Sarah Simms, 76 years old, died Wednesday afternoon at her home 826 Duke street. She is survived by two sons and one daughter. Her funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from her late residence Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ P. E. Church. Burial will be in Union cemetery.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, Royal and Wilkes street, January 1st, 1920, at 9 a. m.

By order of the President.
299-12t. A. S. Mankin, Secty.

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria National Bank will be held in their banking house in the city of Alexandria, Va., on January 13th, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m. The purpose of the meeting is the election of directors for the year 1920, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

294-30t L. H. Dudley, Cashier.

HALL'S TRIAL TO BEGIN ON MONDAY

Will be Called in Prince William Court For the Second Time

JURY DID NOT AGREE

Considerable Interest in Outcome of Case Manifested Throughout the State.

When the second trial of Prohibition Inspector William C. Hall on the charge of murdering Lawrence D. Hudson, bootlegger, in Shenandoah County on March 26, begins Monday morning in the Prince William County Circuit Court at Manassas, the Commonwealth will renew its efforts to have admitted as testimony the dying statement of young Hudson. Because, it was claimed, Hudson did not know he was dying when he made his statement, the testimony was ruled out in the first trial.

Hudson stated to a nurse that he did not shoot at Inspector Hall, Harry F. Sweet, J. H. Sullivan or W. B. Dunlavy, and neither did he think his partner, Raymond F. Shackleford, who was killed by the officers, fired at Hall as the latter stood on the running board of an automobile which contained contraband whisky.

In the first trial a hung jury resulted, six jurors voting for conviction and six against conviction. Upon the outcome of the Hall case the indictments against his fellow inspectors will be nolle prosequied or pressed. Thus all the technical and special ability of opposing counsel will be concentrated on the Hall case, for Sweet, Dunlavy and Sullivan have not been placed on trial. The prohibition officers claim Hudson and Shackleford shot at them in an attempt to escape, and that they (the officers) fired in self-defense.

Joseph F. Williams, chauffeur for the Prohibition Department at the time of the shoting, has been indicated for wife murder here since the first trial of Inspector Hall. In the meantime his own case has been postponed until after the Hall case has been disposed of. It is not thought by attorneys that a question will be raised as to Williams' right to testify in the Hall case.

Prohibition Commissioner Peters criticized by the State auditing committee for spending $1,000 of the funds of his department for employing attorneys for his indicted inspectors, justifies his action as being necessary.

JAIL DELIVERY

Christmas Salutation is Followed by Attack, One Guard Being Shot

Toledo, Dec. 26.—One of the most daring jail deliveries ever accomplished in this part of the country occurred here early yesterday when six men called at the county jail, exchanged Christmas greetings with three deputy sheriffs on duty, overpowdered and locked them in a cell, and then liberated four notorious burglars and safe blowers.

In the fight that followed the arrival of the vistors, Leo Noonan, a deputy, was shot through the left breast. Hearing the commotion, Sheriff John Mathias rushed from bed to investigate and was promptly carried off to the cellar and imprisoned.

The ten men then walked leisurely out of the jail. Although an alarm was quickly given, no definite trace of them had been found late last night, though 2 men suspected of complicity in the delivery had been arreseted.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house, Tuesday, January 13th, 1920, between the hours of eleven o'clock a. m., and twelve o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

George E. Warfield, Cashier.
295-30t

TESTS POWDER IN STOVE

Miners' Experiment Blows Out Entire Side of House

Washington, Pa., Dec. 26.—Herbert Waters, aged 43, a coal miner at Morrisville, near here, tested the quality of blasting powder by tossing a handful into an open fire in his home yesterday.

Waters and his wife, Mary, aged 40, are dying in the Waynesburg Hospital. Their 8 year old daughter, Thelma, is dead, and their 14 year old son, Thomas, is suffering from severe but not fatal injuries.

Waters had a keg of powder in his home to be used in mine blasting. The explosive had become lumpy and the miner was in doubt as to its quality. Examining a handful as he sat in front of the fire, he tossed a few chunks on the blaze.

The resultant explosion set off the keg of powder, blowing out one entire side of the two story brick house and hurling the occupants in to the yard. All four were rushed to the hospital, but Thelma died in two hours.

BANQUET AND DANCE

The '17 Class of the Alexandria High School will hold its second class reunion with a banquet and dance tonight at the Belvoir Hotel, on North Royal street. The members and guests will be seated at 8:30 and the banquet will continue until 9:30. Dancing will be from 9:30 to 12 o'clock. Besides the members of the class there will be present all of the members of the faculty of the High School the four years the 1917 class attended, and also Captain William H. Sweeney, who is to be a guest of honor.

LAST NIGHT OF "REVUE OF 1919"

Tonight will usher in the final appearance of the "Revue of 1919", the show being staged by the Alexandria Community Service at the Opera House, and from early indications, a packed house will greet the players.

Last night's show was played to a full house, which enjoyed the performance to the utmost. All of the musical numbers in the first part went over big. Bernie Hamilton and Bill Roland drawing repeated encores with their novelty songs. The sentimental numbers by Doc' Sutton, McKinley Cornell and Talbot Haslett also pleased the big audience.

All members of the show troups are requested to be at the Opera House at 7 o'clock tonight, as photographs of the opening act will be taken.

SPECIAL SPECIAL

Just received several dozen absolutely fresh country eggs. Special price Saturday a dozen, 90 cents. F. C. PULLIN, Corner Queen and Royal Streets. 306-1c

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Joint Stock Company will be held Monday, January 5th, 1920, at 8 p. m., at Odd Fellows Hall, South Columbus street, Alexandria, Va.

C. C. Brooks, President.
306-4p. Wm. H. Skinner, Secty.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Bernard McCann, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same, properly certified to the undersigned for payment.

John D. Normoyle Executor.
297-10c

MARRIAGE NOTICE

GADDY-McCARTY—Tuesday evening, December 23, 1919, by the Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson Myrtle McCarty and W. D. Gaddy. 306-1t

IN MEMORIAM

CARTER—In kind and loving remembrance of my dear wife, Bessie Carter, who entered into life eternal one year ago, December 25th, 1919. A loving wife and devoted mother. Gone but not forgotten.

By her husband,
306-1p. Irving C. Carter.

For results try a classified ad in the Gazette.

HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Mrs. Mary B. Yates is quite sick at her home in South Patrick street.

The country part of the market is filled with unsold Christmas trees left by country persons.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hulfish are spending the holidays with Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Dodge near Richmond, Va.

The Christmas dance of the Knights of Columbus, will be given tonight in the auditorium of the Elks' Home.

Hundreds of persons during Christmas week disposed of their Liberty Bonds in order to get their needs for Christmas.

Exchange of Christmas presents begun today and probably will be continued throughout the remainder of the week.

W. W. Simpson has sold to John Finnell and wife house and lot at the northeast corner of Queen and Pitt streets.

The annual election of officers of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons will take place at the Masonic Temple tomorrow night.

The annual election of officers of Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite Masons, will be held tonight at the Masonic Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert McCuen, Norfolk, Va., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. McCuen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McCuen, the Wagar apartments.

A meeting of the Alexandria City Basketball League will be held tomorrow night at the Community Center at 7 o'clock. All teams are requested to have representatives present.

Members of Old Dominion Commandery, Knights Templar, held their annual Christmas celebration at noon yesterday which was largely attended. Several visitors were in attendance and speeches made.

Masters Bernard and Henry Clay and Miss Margaret Yates are home from Anne Arundel Academy, Millersville, to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Mary B. Yates on South Patrick street.

Christmas celebrations were held last night by the Salvation Army and Emmanuel Luthern Church Sunday Schools. Special programs were given after which candy, nuts and fruits were distributed to the scholars.

Incoming trains yesterday and Wednesday night brought hundreds of former residents here to spend the holidays, and many persons working here, whose home is elsewhere, left Wednesday night for their homes to spend the holidays.

Richard H. Thorp, eighty-two years old, died this morning at 3 o'clock at his residence 832 North Fairfax street. His wife, four daughters and four sons are living. The body will be shipped tomorrow to Marshall, Fauquier county, Va., for burial.

Captain and Mrs. Hellwege and comrades of the Salvation Army desire to thank the public and all those who so kindly relped them, by their donations, to make a Merry Christmas for the worthy poor of the city and to provide for the little children.

Mr. J. T. Arrington formerly of this city, but who, for the past three years has been connected with the General Fire Sprinkler Company, is spending the holidays with his sisters in Queen street. Mr. Arrington has just returned from Trenton, New Jersey, where he has been employed for several months.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hall, who died Tuesday night at her home near Ivy Hill cemetery, took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Wheatley's mortuary chapel. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and burial was made in the cemetery near the home of the deceased.

Alexandria's Biggest and Best Store

POSITIVELY
NO EXCHANGES, ON APPROVAL, C. O. D.'s OR PHONE ORDERS
Every Sale Final

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Year-End Clearance Sale

Of Women's and Misses'

Wearing Apparel

Commencing Saturday, December 27. This sale always the greatest value giving and best ready-to-wear selling event of the Fall season, assumes a greater importance this year--BECAUSE

Greater Price Reductions

AND

A Larger and More Beautiful Collection Is Offered in This Sale Than Any of Its Predecessors

Every Garment in Our Stock Is Offered Without Reservation

Women's Coats Misses'

Sizes 16 to 44

Luxurious garments, plain and fur trimmed models, made of velour, silvertone, tinseltone bolivia, avona, crystal cord, chameleon cord, gold tone and Crystal bolivia. All full lined most of them are full silk lined. Colors are black, navy, brown, taupe, pekin and reindeer.

FORMERLY TO $39.50 AT .. **$25.00**
FORMERLY TO $59.50 AT .. **$35.00**
FORMERLY TO $79.50 AT .. **$45.00**
FORMERLY TO $89.50 AT .. **$55.00**
FORMERLY TO $100.00 AT **$65.00**
FORMERLY TO $125.00 AT **$75.00**

Women's Dresses Misses'

SIZES 14 TO 48.

An extraordinary large variety of charming models in serge, jersey, tricotine, satin, charmeuse and georgette crepe. The colors are black, navy, copen, brown and taupe. For street, afternoon and evening wear, plain, breaded and embroidered.

FORMERLY TO $39.50 AT .. **$18.95**
FORMERLY TO $49.50 AT .. **$24.95**
FORMERLY TO $59.50 AT .. **$29.95**
FORMERLY TO $79.50 AT .. **$39.50**

Special

200 fine satin dresses, a few georgettes and serges, colors are navy, black and taupe

ALL SIZES FROM 16 TO 46

$9.98

ACTUAL VALUES TO $29.50

Satin Dresses

About 150 of the finest satin dresses we handled this season, all sizes 16 to 52½, navy, black, brown, pekin and taupe

$14.95

VALUES TO $49.50

Georgette Waists

Flesh and white beautiful styles consisting of the finest waists in stock that sold up to $12.98.

$7.95

ABOUT 20 DIFFERENT MODELS

WOMEN'S AND MISSES

Suits

An assortment of new models in plain, tailored, belted and blouse models.

FORMERLY $35.00-$100.00 AT

Half Price

YOUTH SHOT IN BED

Proprietor of Second-hand Store at Fort Myer Commits Crime

Frederick Barknett, 18 was shot and dangerously wounded by Abraham Patton, 65, proprietor of a second-hand store near Fort Myer, Virginia, on a bed at the Gospel Mission House on John Marshal place, Washington Wednesday.

Patton was taken to the Police Court shortly after he gave himself up at the District Jail, and is being held there, charged with assault with intent to kill, under $10,000 bond.

Physicians believe Barknett will recover.

Barknett, on a cot at the hospital, last night gave his version of the shooting.

"I was awakened at 5 o'clock to go to work," he said, "I was sitting up in bed, half asleep, when I heard a revolver shot, I laughed.

"Then I heard the old man, whose bed was opposite mine saying, 'I don't feel very well this morning.' I was so sleepy I could hardly see. Two more shots, and I felt the bullets hit me in my chest and my leg.

"My clothes were set on fire by the bullets. I ran downstairs, scarcely knowing what I was doing, and half crazed with pain. Somebody grabbed hold of me, put out the fire and took me up to a room."

When brought to police headquarters to be questioned, Patton complained that he had been annoyed by negroes, who at different times held him up and assaulted him. He apparently was fearful of living in Alexandria at night, and went to his store in the morning, returning to the mission house at night.

Barknett came from Kansas City Mo. Patton purchased his pistol in Alexandria.

MINISTER HIT BY TRAIN

Rev. O. B. Newton, of Cable Street Methodist Church, Loses One of His Feet

Danville, Va., Dec. 26.—Rev. O. B. Newton, pastor of Cable Street Methodist Church, was brought to the General Hospital suffering from serious injury sustained at Keysville Tuesday afternoon.

He was crossing the railway track at that point when a freight engine bore down upon him, so severely crushing one of his feet that it had to be amputated at the instep shortly after his arrival. The minister was assigned to his present pastorate at the recent Methodist conference, from Chatham.

GRAND THEATRE

A picture that will present the patrons of the Grand Theatre with excellent screen entertainment is "One Against Many." This will be shown tonight.

This is an intensely interesting drama, in which Anita King, the star, runs the gamut of emotions. Love, hate, politics, graft, mercenary greed and selfishness all figure in the production. Miss King does a fine bit of acting as Enid Wells, a girl who leaves home that she may not be forced into a marriage for wealth. But away from the safety of a home, Enid finds that her troubles are just beginning. Her experineces when she searches for work, and later when she is imprisoned as the result of a "frame up" furnishes a vehicle which is admirably suited to this versatile star.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 109 North Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th, 1920, at ten o'clock.

Charles D. Walcott, President.
306-15t A. M. McLachlen, Secty

MILLIONAIRE IS SLAIN

Body is Found Beside Highway Near St. Clemes, Mich., With Bullet In Back

Mt. Clemes, Mich., Dec. 26.—With four bullet wounds in the back and head badly beaten, the body of J. Stanley Brown, son of the late John H. Brown, millionaire Detroit cigar manufacturer, was found Wednesday in his automobile on a country road leading to this city.

A ring set with a 2 1-3 karat diamond, $20,000 worth of securities and considerable currency in his clothing was undisturbed.

HUN STEEL RING JAILED

Robert Roeckling Gets Ten Years; Brothers Sentenced by Default

Amiens, Dec. 26.—A court-martial has sentenced the German officer Robert Roeckling, administrator of mines at Karlsruhe, to ten years' confinement, fifteen years of exile and a fine of 10,000,000 francs upon his conviction of a charge of organizing the pillage of factories in eastern France. It was testified at his trial that he collected machinery and other material from the factories and blew it up in November, 1918. His brothers, Herman and Ludwig, were given similar sentences by default.

The Roeckling brothers are known as German "steel kings."

AVALANCHES KILL MANY

Sanitarium and Hotels Wrecked at Swiss Mountain Resort

Geneva, Dec. 26.—The avalanches which occurred at the mountain resort of Davos Wednesday caused terror among residents and visitors and resulted in a number of deaths in the village itself. One huge powdery avalanche swept down upon a sanitarium, smashing doors and windows on the first and second stories and killing a Russian woman and her nurse and seriously injuring several others. Many were imprisoned in the upper floors throughout the night. It is considered a miracle that the sanitarium did not collapse, as the walls were badly damaged.

Another avalanche fell on the Hotel Excelsior, killing two employes and doing much damage.

A third avalanche almost overwhelmed the Pension Germania. Five dead have been taken from this building, but it is feared that others are buried under the wreckage.

FIND TWO EMPTY COFFINS

Aged Husband and Wife Declare They Wanted to Leave no Burdens For Others

Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—When firemen broke into the apartment of Mrs. M. Tolcaster Wednesday to extinguish a fire they found two empty coffins. Mrs. Tolcaster explained that her husband is 74, and a patient in the city hospital, and that she is over 70, and that, not expecting to live long, they bought their coffins a year ago

"We wanted to pick out our own coffins," she said, 'and we did not want any expense to fall on any one when we died."

LAD SLAYS FATHER

North Caroiina Mountain Boy Uses Shotgun Against Liquor Crazed Parent

Asheville, N. C. Dec. 26.—Charged with killing his father while the latter was said to be in a drunken condition, in defense of his mother and helpless brothers and sisters, Edward Lail, said to be 13 years old,, is held without bail at Morgantown, near here, following a coroner's inquest.

The shooting occurred in the heart of South Mountains, in Burke Co., and the boy's mother is said to be seriously wounded as a result of blows which she says her husband gave her, after which the boy killed his father with a shotgun.

TO PREPARE PALESTINE FOR INRUSH OF JEWS

New York, Dec. 26.—The Zionist organization of America will prepare the Holy Land in every way for immigration of Jews from Russia, Poland, Galicia, Rumania and "other pogrom ridden countries" it announced here last night. Large tracts of land in Palestine will be bought and the plans provide for conservation and development of water power, inauguration of sanitation and drainage in cities and towns, irrigation, survey and development of natural resources, and establishment of technical laboratories for agricultural purposes.

Basing its project on its confidence that Great Britain will assume a mandate over Palestine for the specific purpose of establishing there a home land for the Jewish people, the Zionist organization has gone into comprehensive detail in its Holy Land arrangements, it stated. These provide for a school system, from kindergartens to a univresity, financial loans to agricultural and industrial organizations, rehabilitation of devastated Jewish colonies, maintenance of hospitals and nurses' training schools, an antimalaria campaign and improvement of housing conditions in Jerusalem, Jaffa and other cities.

SPEND HOLIDAY IN SORROW

Hammonton, N. J., Dec. 26.—Christmas Day passed without developments in the Dansey case. The heart broken parents of Billy Dansey, their agony over the loss of their child aggravated by the receipt of a postcard promising the return of their child the day before Christmas, which proved a cruel hoax, left yesterday morning to spend a quiet day with old friends of the family.

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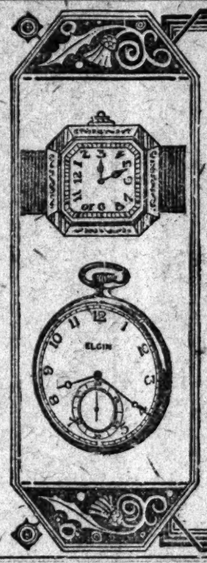

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